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SENATOR STULL: Well, they might be but not to my knowledge. I thought NRD's were working more with land use and soil conservation, and not to my knowledge, I don't think that they are involved in this at all.

SENATOR MAE EL: Yes, sir. If there are no other questions, a motion is in order to advance 60...do you have other questions. Go ahead.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I am sorry to question your decision, Senator Clark, but if the bill had been up here a month ago, I might have had more time to analyze it and ask the questions and I plan to ask them. I will tell you that for sure. The rest of it has been fun and now is when we are spending money, now is the big spender image. I have two questions. Some things that I don't know and I am seeking information only. What's this Egg Market news for \$45,000, Program 383?

SENATOR MARVEL: OK. Is Senator Schmit in the room? Well, this used to be...Senator Lewis, this used to be an Egg Market News program. Last year, in 1974, Senator Schmit introduced legislation to broaden the scope and added \$48,000 roughly of General Fund money to set up an Ag Marketing News Service which goes beyond just eggs and this, basically...this money, basically, has to do with the use of telephone lines to gather together the latest Ag news throughout the country so that it can be disseminated to those in agriculture throughout the state that want the latest up-to-date information. Having never participated in this, I have never seen it operate but this is the information I have.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Now, how do they disseminate that news to the farmer?

SENATOR MARVEL: They disseminate it through the telephone. In other words, most of the general fund money is the use of...in other words, the operation of telephone calls.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, are the farmers advised as to where they can call to get this information?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, through the Department. In other words, the Department of Agriculture is set up basically as a service organization for certain clientele and this is one of the services that they undertake and...excuse me.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I am sorry. I was just going to ask now, the key question. We put this in in 74-75. Did we get a report back and did the Budget Committee ask for a report back about utilization of services and did you get some ideas on that?

SENATOR MARVEL: The report that I got back was the fact that the recipients got far more up-to-date information than they had before. Now, there are those in this room who have undoubtedly used this service and could better answer this than I. But it is my understanding that the information is far more up-to-date and let me put it another way. That by getting the information directly,